

## MINUTES

### COMMISSION MEETING

September 22, 2006

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Meeting began at 3:31 P.M. on Friday, September 22, 2006. Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Commissioner Clifton C. Below and Commissioner Graham J. Morrison were present. Also present were the Division Heads or their designees. The following matters were discussed.

1. Approval of the September 12, 2006 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the September 12, 2006 Commission Meeting.

2. DE 06-028; Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)  
(Delivery Service Rates)

Chairman Getz announced the issuance of the September 15, 2006 Secretarial Letter stating that the Commission has determined that allowing the intervention of BIA (Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire) would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission has granted BIA's motion for intervention.

3. DW 06-104; Hampstead Area Water Company  
(Petition for Approval of a Step Increase)

Chairman Getz announced the issuance of the September 19, 2006 Secretarial Letter stating that the Commission has approved the proposed procedural schedule, which schedules a hearing on the merits for December 12, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

4. DT 06-108; Investigation of Verizon Tariff Provisions for Dispute Settlement  
(Procedural Schedule)

Chairman Getz announced the issuance of the September 20, 2006 Secretarial Letter stating that the secretarial letter proves discovery dates in the proceeding.

5. DW 05-119; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire  
(Petition for Rate Increase)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to issue an Order Approving Temporary Rate Recoupment.

6. DW 06-073; Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.  
(Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to issue an Order Approving Temporary Rates.

7. DG 06-120; New Hampshire Natural Gas Utilities  
(Residential Low-Income Assistance Program for  
Natural Gas Customers)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to issue an Order Approving Continuation and Modification of Program.

8. New Business

- A. DW 04-048; City of Nashua  
(RSA 38 Proceeding re Pennichuck Water Works)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to issue an Order on Motion to Strike or Exclude Testimony.

- B. DW 04-048; City of Nashua  
(RSA 38 Proceeding re Pennichuck Water Works)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to issue an Order on Motion for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing of Order No. 24,654.

- C. DE 06-079; Low Income Electric Assistance Program (EAP)

Chairman Getz stated that, on September 1, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 24,664 in DE 06-079 approving a new program design for the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) to take effect October 1, 2006. Under the current EAP design, there are eight discount tiers, and under the newly adopted EAP design, there are six tiers, but in the new design, the size of the percentage discounts associated with the respective tiers are in the reverse order to the current arrangement. The New Hampshire Community Action Agencies (NHCAA)

identified this reversal as a possible area of confusion and the advisory board has no objection to NHCAA's request to renumber the tiers. By the letter dated September 21, 2006, the advisory board respectfully requests that the Commission modify Scenario 6 as approved in Order No. 24,664 to allow for the renumbering of the tiers.

Chairman Getz moved to approve the recommendation to alter the numbering and that a secretarial be issued memorializing the decision. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

9. Administrative Matters

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Chairman Getz announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, September 29, 2006, at 3:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Below and unanimously approved to adjourn this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.